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longer easily accessible, caulking is done with the wax from a related species found around Boruca, or from the glue made from a palm belonging to the genus *Elaeis* and called in Boruca, *tuskra'* (see p. 19), and with the gum of the wild rubber tree (see pp. 19–20).

There remain certain families of "river Indians" who are famous for their skill with the dug-outs, particularly in the rapids, and there were formerly outstanding sailors for the sea-going *bongos*. On the river, both paddles with plain handles and poles are used.

Carrying Devices. Generally, the women carry cargo (see figs. 7, *a*; 8, *a*). The men very seldom do such labor. A tumpline is used to support the article which rests on the back of the individual or in a *haba* (see below), which is also carried in a similar manner (see fig. 8, *a*). Occasionally, string bags (see fig. 8, *b–4*, 5, 7, and p. 18) are swung from the forehead down the back. They are, however, rarely used like this, being generally left to hang on the house wall. Babies are carried in a shawl or cloth on the back.

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desired pieces. *Pita* is not used for heavy rope, but is made into cord and a "fishing line" which is tied to the fishing spear or arrow (see p. 8). The leaf of the *cabuya* is beaten on stones until it is pulpy, after which it is washed, and then dried in the sun. When dry, it is pulled into strips.

Figure 8, *d* is a sample of the two kinds of rope the *Boruca* make. The upper portion is twisted and braided, while the lower half is only braided. This last method makes a stronger rope. When the rope is finished, it is tied at the end, and one of the strips is twisted around the whole, passed through the braid, and then pulled tightly.

Basketry. The typical basket of the *Boruca* is what is called in Spanish the *haba*, and in Boruca *ba'va*. It is woven by the men. The *haba* (see figs. 7, *b–2*; 8, *a*, *b–1*, *3*) is made only from the *bejuco negro*, the strips of which must be cut in lengths according to the size desired for the finished product, as in this type of basket one cannot add extra length or depth. The smallest *haba* is about 9 inches in depth, and is used for washing corn. For a